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JASPER

INDIANA

The reason a dog howls is because it is out of tune.

The man of the hour seems to be the man with the bourglass.

Peace rumors are again in the air. But there is a whole lot of air.

An unfailing safety first in diplomacy: "When in doubt, deny!"

A hypocrite has to be mighty careful. Otherwise he will be caught at it.

To err is human. To shift the responsibility on somebody else—ditto.

Affairs have reached that pass where a censor's victory fails to satisfy.

Even war has its funny side. The Turk is accusing the British of atrocities.

After you have told a man your troubles you may feel hurt if he wants to tell you his.

Not everybody who talks like a darn fool is one. But he throws himself open to suspicion.

When one hasn't a silver dollar in his pocket a half-dollar looks as big as the bottom of a tin cup.

Anyhow, no objections are being heard these days to the smoke and whistles of the factories.

There are too many words in the English language, but the moving pictures are helping to ease the strain.

Spontaneous combustion, which used to account for so many fires, has given way to the more serious plot theory.

A generous inclination to poke out one another's weak spots is still in evidence among the nation's great political parties.

Whenever a savant gets up and says poverty is a disease, the average low brow is tempted to ask how any disease can be a blessing.

We love a good loser as well as anybody else does, but we have no money to lend to the brand of liar who says he dearly loves to lose.

The old-fashioned man who sticks to his whistles may be, for all we know, the grandfather of the new-fashioned girl who wears knee warmers.

Lack of European dyestuffs does not prevent a number of American statesmen from "seeing red" when they hear one another's names discussed.

Is there not something nerve racking about the generosity of the powder company that offers a bonus to every employee who has been in its service a year?

Butter commands extravagant prices in Europe. This is to be expected under conditions which make cannon objects of greater solicitude than cows.

San Francisco leads all American cities in the number of suicides, which indicates that it takes something more than climate to make people happy.

Universal military training might take some of us away from golf and pinocchio occasionally, but even this sacrifice one might make cheerfully for one's country.

So many new medical discoveries have resulted from the war that it would appear expedient to carry it on a while longer at any cost.

San Francisco boasts an angora worth \$745 before being clipped and \$300 afterward; at that, he has nothing on the average pianist.

Announcement that blue jeans are about to disappear will be a severe blow to the horny-handed son of toil that still wears 'em on the stage.

A scientist says bugs have souls, but he needn't think he can make the average person more considerate of bedbugs by any such claims at that.

A Chicago man claims to be the owner of a kitten worth \$50,000. There are people who would be willing to convey a whole back yard full of cats for less than that.

At the present rate of reduction in price, it will soon be possible for a man to buy an automobile for a few hundred dollars that no one would venture to call a "tin can."

California has a man who was literally forced to eat his words. He chewed up a worthless check he had drawn to avoid conviction.

It is said that American women spend \$10,000,000 a year on poodles. Still, you can't blame the men who sell them jeweled dog collars.

English sparrows used to sell at 50 cents a pair in this country and the fact that people bought them shows to what heights of affluence the country had attained in 1875.

U. S. INDICTS EIGHT

CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN OF ILL. LINOIS ONE OF MEN NAMED IN MUNITION PLOT.

FOWLER AND LAMAR ALSO HIT

Federal Grand Jury at New York Accuses Peace Council of Conspiracy to Wreck Arms Plants and Cause Strikes in the United States.

New York, Dec. 29.—The federal grand jury indicted for conspiracy to foment strikes in American munition factories the following men: Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois.

H. Robert Fowler, former congressman from Illinois.

Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio.

David Lamar.

Jacob C. Taylor, president of Labor's National Peace council.

Franz von Rintelen, a German agent.

H. B. Martin.

Herman Schulteis.

Fomented Strikes is Charge.

All of the indicted men, except Lamar and Von Rintelen, are officers or former officers of the peace council, an organization which, the government charges, was formed and financed by Rintelen to bribe labor leaders to call strikes in munition plants, in furtherance of German propaganda in this country.

Lamar, who has been called the "Wolf of Wall street," is charged with being Rintelen's assistant. It is said hundreds of thousands of dollars passed through his hands, and it is alleged he benefited personally to the extent of \$400,000.

Rintelen is a Prisoner.

Rintelen is at present a prisoner in England. He was seized by the British authorities at Falmouth while fleeing from this country under a false passport. He is at present under indictment here, charged with conspiring to procure a bogus passport for an American citizen. No effort will be made, however, to obtain his return to this country, as the offenses with which he is charged are not extraditable.

All of the indictments were returned under the Sherman antitrust law and charge conspiracy to restrain of the foreign trade of the United States. The maximum penalty is one year imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

As soon as the grand jury reported its findings, agents of the department of justice, acting with United States deputy marshals, were instructed to arrest the indicted men.

BIG BATTLE ON IN RUSSIA

Great Conflict Is Raging on Southern Front—Germans Say All Attacks Have Been Repulsed.

London, Dec. 31.—Fragmentary information from various sources indicates that a great battle is in progress on the southern part of the Russian front, the most important action for many months.

The outcome of the gigantic struggle now in progress, Petrograd critics say, will be a complete change in the military positions there, and probably within a few days.

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MINNESOTA GOVERNOR DIES

W. S. Hammond, Former Representative in Congress, Stricken in Clinton, La.

Clinton, La., Dec. 31.—Gov. Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly on Thursday in a hotel here from a stroke of apoplexy which physicians said apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of pneumonia poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive. Governor Hammond, accompanied by J. A. Nowell, arrived here three days ago to inspect his extensive land and lumber interests in East Feliciana parish.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—J. A. A. Burnquist was sworn in on Thursday as Minnesota's nineteenth governor, to succeed Winfield S. Hammond, who died at Clinton, La.

ALLIES SINK 2 DESTROYERS

One Austrian Boat Sent to Bottom by Mine and Another Destroyed by Shell Fire in Adriatic.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Two Austrian destroyers have been sunk in the Adriatic sea off Durazzo, one by allied warships and the other by a mine. They were the Lika and the Triglav. The balance of the Austrian ships fled to their base pursued by the allied warships.

MAJ. ROBERT RUSSA MOTON



Maj. Robert Russa Moton, who has been commandant of cadets at the Hampton institute in Virginia, has been chosen to succeed the late Dr. Booker T. Washington as principal of the Tuskegee institute. He is forty-eight years old, and has earned the reputation of being one of the foremost negro educators in America.

MEMBER OF FORD PARTY SAYS NATIONS WANT PEACE

Says World Would Be Surprised If It Were Known What Influences Are at Work to End War.

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—The public meeting held under the auspices of the Ford peace expedition is characterized as the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace that Europe has seen since the war began. Nearly a thousand citizens attended the meeting, which was in the Academy of Music. Every mention of an early end of the war provoked prolonged applause.

When Louis P. Lochner, secretary of the expedition, announced that the executive committee had secret information that certain of the belligerent nations were willing to negotiate for peace the meeting became tumultuous.

"It would astonish the world," said Mr. Lochner, "if we made known at this time what influences are at work for peace. This information has been in the possession of the executives of the expedition ever since we sailed from New York. It was the real encouragement behind the expedition. We have every assurance that our project will meet with favor, although at this time it cannot be said just what is behind the movement."

AUSTRIA YIELDS TO U. S.

Vienna's Reply in Ancona Case Admits America Is Right in Main—Commander Punished.

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"In reply to the second American Ancona note, the Austro-Hungarian government fully agrees with the Washington cabinet that the sacred laws of humanity should be taken into account also in war, and emphasizes that, in the course of this war, has given numerous proofs of the most humane feelings.

"The Austro-Hungarian government, too, can positively concur in the principle that enemy private vessels, so far as they do not fly or offer resistance, shall not be destroyed before the persons aboard are secured.

"The assurance that the United States government attaches value to the maintenance of the existing good relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is warmly reciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian government, which now, as heretofore, is anxious to render these relations most cordial."

CHARGE VICE IN MOVIE CAMPS

Californians Get Prosecutor to Begin Inquiry as to Girl Actors—Outsiders Are to Blame.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Reterated assertions by a clergyman and others that immorality was rampant in many of the large number of motion picture camps and studios of this city, and that the surrender of honor frequently was the price exacted of young women ambitious to appear on the screen, received official notice from Thomas L. Woolwine, county district attorney, who said that an investigation would be begun at once and action would be taken by the grand jury if facts warranted.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Roscoe Arbuckle, movie star, who passed through Chicago on his way to New York from Los Angeles, emphatically denied that there was immorality at the studios in California. He placed the blame on outsiders.

BRYAN HALTS PEACE TRIP

Reservations on the Liner Rotterdam Canceled Because of Ford's Return.

New York, Dec. 28.—Because of Henry Ford's return to the United States, William J. Bryan, who had planned to sail for Europe on Tuesday on the Rotterdam, has postponed his peace trip indefinitely. Passage which had been reserved for himself and Mrs. Bryan was canceled by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Ford is only slightly ill says a cable received here from Stockholm.

Gov. L. B. Hanna of North Dakota is suffering from influenza and is now in a hospital in Copenhagen, according to a cablegram from members of the party.

TWO SLAIN IN HOLDUP

HENRY MUESSEL, WEALTHY BREWER OF SOUTH BEND, IND., AND EMPLOYEE SLAIN.

SON PERHAPS FATALLY SHOT

Bandits Invade Office of Brewing Company and After Vain Attempt to Loot Safe Escape—Eighteen-Year-Old Boy Witnessed Battle.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 31.—Henry Muesel, general manager of the Muesel Brewing company, and his chauffeur, Frank Chrobot, were instantly killed by two masked robbers who attempted to loot the safe in the brewery office here. William Muesel, aged fifteen, was shot in the abdomen by the robbers and it is feared mortally wounded. The two robbers fled without taking time to search for money, in quest of which they committed two and perhaps three murders.

Owing to the prominence of Henry Muesel, reputed to be a millionaire, the entire town was aroused. Posses scoured the districts and the surrounding country throughout the night, but no trace of the murderers was found.

Boy of Eighteen Sees Battle.

From Robert Muesel, the eighteen-year-old son of Walter Muesel, president of the company, the police gained their most accurate description of the robbers. Robert Muesel was in the office when the bandits entered. Although they shot the other three persons, for some unaccountable reason they satisfied themselves with binding and gagging the youth.

Leader in German Societies.

Henry Muesel was one of South Bend's wealthiest and most prominent citizens and was well known throughout northern Indiana. He owned a large tract of land in the vicinity of his brewery and a number of years ago presented to the city a valuable strip of this property for school purposes. Here a school building, said to be the finest and best equipped in South Bend, was erected and given his name. He was a leader in all the activities of the German societies in South Bend, a man of philanthropic motives and active in local and state politics. He bitterly opposed every effort to make South Bend dry and is said to have made numerous enemies among the anti-saloon workers.

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THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE



Thomas Mott Osborne, the millionaire warden of Sing Sing Prison, has been indicted by a grand jury at White Plains, N. Y., the charges involving both his official and his personal conduct.

ITALIAN TROOPS CAPTURE THE PORT OF DURAZZO?

Reported That Emmanuel's Soldiers Entered Albanian City—French Seize Turk Island.

Geneva, Dec. 31.—It is reported here on good authority that Italian troops have occupied the Albanian seaport of Durazzo.

This report apparently is corroborated by the fact that the German consul at Durazzo, the members of his staff and 50 other Germans passed through Bellinzona, Switzerland, on their way to Berlin.

Durazzo and Avlona are the principal Albanian ports. Avlona was occupied by the Italians several months ago, before Italy entered the war. Durazzo is on a peninsula in the Adriatic sea, 40 miles south of the Montenegrin border. There have been previous reports of Italian activity there, principally in connection with the landing of supplies for the Serbian army.

Paris, Dec. 31.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castelozzo (Kasteloryzo), in the Aegean sea, between the island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castelozzo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.

Rome, Dec. 31.—An official report from Cetinje states that the Montenegrin army, re-enforced by a Serbian corps, has resumed the offensive on all fronts, particularly in the Sanjak.

The Austrians were driven from Montenegrin territory and now have also been driven from the Sanjak. The Austrian losses are estimated at 10,000 men.

Cettinje, Montenegro, Dec. 31.—Another defeat for the Austrians in Montenegro is chronicled in the following official statement:

"After a three days' battle, in which thousands of shells were fired from forts and warships, the Austrians are in full retreat from Raskovazora, pursued by us."

The battle was fought in western Montenegro, on the Adriatic littoral, which accounts for the presence of warships.

SHEVLIN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Millionaire Football Star Victim of Malady Caused by Coaching Yale Team.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Thomas Shevlin, millionaire lumberman and famous Yale football star, died of pneumonia after an illness of only six days. Mr. Shevlin caught cold when coaching the Yale football squad last fall, and was unable to shake it off.

Shevlin played football at Yale four years, and was captain of the team in 1905, when Yale had the greatest team in its history. Always ready to return when "Old Eli's" eleven called for fast coaching, he whipped several seemingly impossible teams into winning shape.

Shevlin's lumber interests netted him a huge income. He carried \$1,500,000 life insurance, recently having increased it from \$500,000.

BRITISH AGREE TO DRAFT

Ministers Said to Have Accepted Bill Providing a Modified Form of Compulsory Service.

London, Dec. 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that the British cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill, to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

It is reported Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, and Walter Runciman, minister of commerce, have resigned. Their resignations have not yet been accepted.

WARDEN OSBORNE INDICTED

Sing Sing Head Made Subject of True Bill in Prison Inquiry by County Grand Jury.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, was indicted on five counts by the Westchester county grand jury, which has been investigating conditions at the prison.

HOOSIER NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Indianapolis.—Charles F. Stewart, seventy-nine, for fifty years a newspaper man in this city and a correspondent for metropolitan papers, died here. Anderson.—Ralph B. Clark of Anderson, president of the Indiana Retail Merchants' association, has announced the program for the organization's annual convention, which will be held at Lafayette on January 18, 19 and 20.

Boonville.—Boonville will entertain the meeting of the Twentieth District Knights of Pythias on Friday, January 14. James E. Watson will make the principal address. J. Fleener Bauman of Rockport, deputy grand chancellor, will preside.

Terre Haute.—Harry Davey and Walter Graham, confessed hold-ups, who took \$9,000 from a mining company's paymaster, were brought in court secretly and sentenced and hurried to prison by the authorities, who feared an attempt might be made to rescue them. The money was not recovered.

Indianapolis.—"Fairbanks for president" signs were posted throughout the business district, and it was understood the name of former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks would be placed formally before the nation as a candidate for the Republican nomination for president at the party "love feast" here.

Liberty.—The coroner exonerated Sheriff Post, who killed Carlo Hurd (colored), saying that the sheriff shot in self-defense. Hurd was killed when he resisted arrest after Sheriff Post had been called to the Maxwell farm near here to stop a fight in which Hurd, his brother, and another negro were engaged.

Vincennes.—George W. Brewer, age eighty, a colored man, who was known by almost every resident of the city, was found frozen stiff about ten miles east of here. He had been missing from his home three days. Brewer was the father of 18 children. Among the nine surviving are three A. M. E. ministers.

Oakland City.—The will of Dr. D. A. Cox of Howell, who died recently, leaves a fortune of approximately \$60,000 to Oakland City college. The money is to be applied to the endowment. The will was filed for probate at Evansville. Doctor Cox was president of the college's board of trustees.

Columbus.—The city council has passed an ordinance reducing the members of the volunteer fire department from 18 to 15 and increasing the salaries of the remaining members from \$5 to \$6 a month. The advance was made because the public utilities law does not permit free water to the firemen as has been allowed in the past.

Evansville.—Hand-knitted woolen shawls, the "kind that grandmother wore," are being made by man prisoners in the county jail here. Two of the shawls have been completed and are valued at \$10 each. Four of the prisoners are working on the shawls, and they have become experts. Exactly 6,405 knots are made in each shawl.

Indianapolis.—State officials estimated the damage done by fire in the statehouse all the way from \$5,000 to \$65,000. The fire department placed the damage at \$5,000, but this estimate was thought to be too low. The fire started at the bottom of the elevator shaft when the big building was nearly empty. Defective electric wiring is thought to have started the blaze.

Shelbyville.—Edwin Macy, thirty-five years old, died at his home near Carthage as a result of swallowing a piece of bone while he was eating rabbit at his home two weeks ago. The accident occurred when he laughed. It is believed the walls of his stomach were perforated. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Macy of Union township, his widow, a brother and a sister survive.

Rochester.—At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Co-Partnership Insurance company of White, Pulaski and Fulton counties the following officers were re-elected: N. A. McClung, Rochester, president; R. A. Phillips, Star City, vice president; F. C. Montgomery, Rochester, treasurer; E. C. Mercer, Rochester, secretary.

Millroy.—A few days ago Frank Thomas, one of whose legs recently was amputated at St. Vincent's hospital in Indianapolis, entertained three friends at his home here. Among the four men there were only three legs. A society was formed, with Thomas as president, for Hoosiers with less than two legs. Letters have been received from 47 Hoosiers who desire to become members. Among those 47 men and the four who originated the society there are only 44 legs. One applicant lost his left leg in the Civil war and the right was crushed in a railroad wreck a year ago.

Hammond.—Princess Eddy, a Michigan City clairvoyant, charged with transporting Miss Elsie Schwartz from Chicago to Tacoma, Wash., for immoral purposes, was held in \$2,000 bond when she was arraigned here before Charles L. Surprice, United States commissioner. A further hearing will be held February 1 in Tacoma.

Petersburg.—After a delay of 15 hours repairs have been made on the C. & E. I. railroad bridge at Rogers, over White river, six miles north of here, and all trains on the E. & I. division of the road are again running on time.